

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15, 2015

Vigil: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Julia Campione

Sunday, August 16, 2015

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**8:00 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist**

9:30 a.m. John and Helen McAvoy

11:00 a.m. Stephanie Naryniecki

12:30 p.m. Sabino Morano

Monday, August 17, 2015

8:00 a.m. Paul Caruso

9:00 a.m. Albert Altero

Tuesday, August 18, 2015

8:00 a.m. Louis Frost

9:00 a.m. Paul McLoughlin

Wednesday, August 19, 2015

Feast of St. Jihn Eudes, Priest

8:00 a.m. Rory O'Flaherty

**9:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Grady Family**

Thursday, August 20, 2015

**Feast of Sts. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the
Church**

8:00 a.m. Josephine Gagliano

9:00 a.m. Anthony Berardis, Sr.

Friday, August 21, 2015

Feast of St. Pius X, Pope

8:00 a.m. Regina Capobianco

9:00 a.m. Mary Ann Davis

Saturday, August 22, 2015

Feast of The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 a.m. Vincent Strevia – 11th Anniversary

Saturday, August 22, 2015

Vigil: Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Joseph and Maria Carmela Federico

Sunday, August 23, 2015

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. George and Rose Milder

**9:30 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist**

**11:00 a.m. For the Deceased Members of the
Doohan Family**

12:30 p.m. Saverio Dentini



Wedding Banns

III. Shane Cronin and Caitlin Collins

II. William Kachmar and Lynda Vlad

II. Jesus Angel Rodriguez and

Christina Manzano

I. Andrew Gachelian and Kristine Glori

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, August 15th

5:00 p.m. – K. O'Donoghue and J. Postighone

Sunday, August 16th

8:00 a.m. – C. Elias, N. Leo and M. McCarthy

9:30 a.m. – J. Corcoran, R. Corcoran and G. Maistre

11:00 a.m. – N. Conlon, E. McLaughlin and J.
Velazquez

12:30 p.m. – D. Liberatore, V. Liberatore and R. Peter

Saturday, August 22nd

5:00 p.m. – . Colaiacovo and N. DeMatteo

Sunday, August 23rd

8:00 a.m. – E. Loughran and M. Loughran

9:30 a.m. – F. Albano, C. Esposito and S. Osso

11:00 a.m. – N. Camacho and S. Cruz

12:30 p.m. – M. DiRosa and P. DiRosa

Welcome Missionary: This week we welcome a representative of The Society of the Propagation of the Faith which supports (through the "Missionary Cooperative") a number of Catholic organizations who work – both here in the United States and abroad – to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to people who are seeking God and His Word of truth. This year the representative is Fr. Joe Nelson, OFM a member of the Franciscan Province of Our Lady of Guadaluoe which does mission work in New Mexico and Arizona – especially among Hispanics who live there, as well as Navaho and Pueblos Indians. Although Fr. Nelson will speak about his own work, his cause is the entire missionary effort of the Church which – through The Society of the Propagation – has extended Christ's love and mercy throughout the world for nearly 200 years. Please be generous as possible in responding to Our Lord's call to each of us to take part in His mission to all people during this week's special second collection.

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

August 16, 2015



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Today our readings from Sacred Scripture invite us to enter into the banquet prepared for us by the Lord Himself. Today's first reading from the Old Testament's Book of Proverbs depicts Wisdom (a symbol of God) building a house and preparing a meal. The only prerequisite for entry into the feast is simplicity of mind and heart. The book of Proverbs is full of gentle reminders that we must forsake foolishness so that we may live well in God's sight. In the second reading from the letter to the Ephesians (5:15-20), St. Paul also advises us to avoid acting like fools; we are to avoid the "wine of debauchery" and imbibe the wine of the Holy Spirit.

Finally, in the Gospel (John 6:51-58) Our Lord once again affirms that He is the bread of life. This time He makes it undeniably clear that the bread which He gives for our life is His very flesh, the substance that will allow us to partake in eternal life. Many of those who first heard His words thought that this was going too far. They left the synagogue and never followed Jesus again. Truly the mystery of God's flesh and blood in the Eucharist is a difficult one to understand, but in faith we must affirm it and in so doing, we will be guaranteed a place at the great banquet that God will provide for all His faithful.



SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, August 19th – St. John Eudes

John was born in France in 1601; after his ordination, he spent many years giving missions and working to improve the training of future priests. He was instrumental in fostering devotion to the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Thursday, August 20th – St. Bernard

Today we celebrate one of the great Church leaders of the middle ages – St. Bernard of Clairvaux who seemed to be everywhere in the first half of the twelfth century – preaching crusades, reinvigorating monks and monasteries, advising popes, fighting heresy, writing theological and spiritual works. He remains a powerful inspiration to us because of his holiness of life.

Friday, August 21st – Pope Pius X

Before he was elected Pope Pius X in 1903, Giuseppe Sarto served the Church as pastor, bishop, and Patriarch of Venice. He is remembered as a pastoral Pope who encouraged the frequent reception of Holy Communion, the lowering of the age for First Holy Communion and the daily reading of the Scripture. His motto was "Renew all things in Christ" and many of his reforms (as well as his personal holiness) helped to renew the Church in the twentieth century.

Saturday, August 22nd – Queenship of Mary

This is the octave day of Our Lady's Assumption – the day prescribed by the Church for the celebration of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth. This feast (long celebrated in many parts of the world) was extended to the Universal Church by Pope Pius XII during the Marian Year in 1954. We venerate Mary as queen for 2 reasons: because of her unique part in redemption and because she is the first among the saints. Pius XII said of her, "Like her Son before her, she conquered death and was raised body and soul into heaven, where as queen, she sits in splendor at the right hand of her Son."



St. John the Baptist School welcomes its wonderful students in their school uniforms according to the following schedule:

Wed., Thurs. & Fri., Sept. 2nd, 3rd, 4th-- Grades 1st through 8th from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Wednesday, September 2nd -- Pre-K & K - (last name) A to K (only) from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Thursday, September 3rd -- Pre-K & K - (last name) L to Z (only) from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
Friday, September 4th -- **All** Pre-K & K -- from 8:30 --11:30 a.m.
Monday, September 7th -- **All** Pre-K & K and 1st through 8th from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

N.B.: Registration for new students is ongoing; please call 965-2356 for information.

Sunday Report: Last weekend 1,155 parishioners attended Mass; our collection totaled \$9,337.00; average contribution: \$8.08 Thank you for your continued financial support of St. John's and its many needs. Your generosity is essential and greatly appreciated.



Religious Education

Religious Education Program: 2015-2016 Registration for new families is well underway. As of this bulletin, **1st grade has reached capacity.** Classes meet on Wednesdays: Grades 1-5, 4:00-5:30; grades 6-8 7:00-8:30pm. Please call Sr. Mary Beth at 965-2338. At times when the office is closed during the summer, please leave a message including your phone number and Sister Mary Beth will get back to you as soon as possible. Preference is given to S.J.B. parishioners, so kindly be prepared to bring your envelope number and also baptismal certificate for each child to be enrolled. We look forward to having you join us.

Senior Outreach Program: The "Help a Senior Outreach Program" needs additional helpers. Help will be needed for friendly visiting e.g. companionship; telephone reassurance (friendly listening, checks on safety/well-being); transportation/escort (medical appointment, Mass, shopping); chores (simple home repairs, light housekeeping, yard work); respite (caring for frail seniors to allow their caregivers to take a break). If you are available to help, contact Deacon Olivieri at 914-423-4859 to register.



Holy Name Society Scholarship Golf Tournament: The H.N.S. will be holding their annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at Sprain Lake Golf Course on Friday, September 18th. Tee times start at 10:00 a.m. This tournament funds two scholarships that are given annually to graduating 8th graders from St. John's. The price per golfer is \$160.00. This includes the round of golf, breakfast, lunch, cocktail hour, dinner, greens and cart fees. Reservations and payment must be made by September 7th and are on a first come basis. Become a sponsor by making a donation to the Holy Name Society Scholarship Fund. For more information, please call Vinny Vanadia at 646-721-0700.

Summer Reminders: As summer enters the "dog days of August", we may begin to see a certain "casualness" enter into our spiritual and religious life. Casualness doesn't refer only to dress. St. John's is air conditioned – but often the number of people in church as well as the continued opening of doors can defeat our efforts to make the church comfortable. Summer dress (like shorts and short sleeve shirts) is certainly appropriate for the summer hot months. The casualness that should be avoided has to do with such things as skipping Mass, neglecting prayer, forgetting about confession, etc. It also has to do with coming to church late or leaving early – or not entering into the prayers (or hymns) of the Mass. Summer should be a time of rest and relaxation so that the body and spirit can be refreshed and renewed. Let's never let relaxation become sloth.

Catholic Widows/Widowers: The Catholic Widows and Widowers will hold their monthly meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 20th, at St. Ann's, 31 College Place, Yonkers. Coffee and cake will follow after the meeting.



Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Douglas Teta who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to his families and friends.

Being and Becoming Catholic: Do you know someone who:

- Has not been baptized and would like to be baptized in the Catholic Faith;
- Has been baptized in a Christian denomination and would like to become a Catholic;
- Has been baptized Catholic but has not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or First Communion.

RCIA **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** (popularly known as "RCIA")

is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The goals are to give a complete overview of Catholic teaching and practice and to begin to deepen a Christian spiritual life centered in the Sunday Scripture readings. The sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass. **It is open to adults who:**

- Have never been baptized; they would be preparing for all three sacraments.
- Were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination who are interested in becoming Catholic; they would be preparing for Confirmation and First Communion.
- Were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion; they would be preparing for the sacraments they have not yet received.

The 2015-2016 program at St. John's which prepares adults (and older adolescents) to receive sacraments will begin in October. However, if you (or anyone you know) is interested in learning more about our program, please leave your name at the rectory 963-1486.



Second Collection: Next weekend we will take up our monthly special collection to support our school and maintain our school facilities. The school is not only used for our grammar school children, our CCD classes and our RCIA program, but for a variety of community and parish activities. It is vital that we keep our school facilities in excellent condition. We ask for a contribution of \$7.00 in this monthly collection and once again express our appreciation for your generosity.

Support Group: St. John's Riverside Hospital will hold its next Cancer Support Group on Wednesday, August 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Room 111 on the first floor.



Welcome to St. John's: Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. Being a registered parishioner makes things much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school registration, weddings, and when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor. We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. Registration forms are available at the exits of the church and in the rectory.